

Remarks

This Reply should be entered after final because it places the claims in condition for allowance and/or reduces the issues for Appeal.

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4 are pending in the application, with 1 being the sole independent claim.

Based on the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,329,234 to Ma et al. ("Ma").

There are a number of technical differences between the applied patents and the claimed invention. However, Applicant has herewith filed a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 to "swear behind" the Ma reference. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully asserts that this rejection should be reconsidered and withdrawn. Therefore, claims 1-4 should be found allowable.

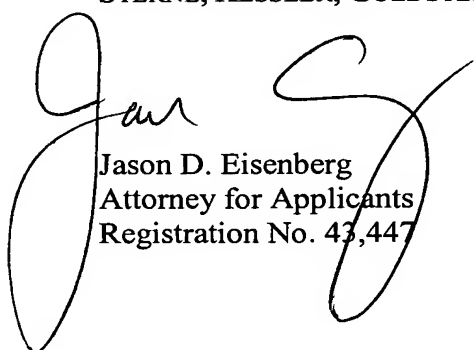
Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicant believes that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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